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International Year of Quinoa, 2012

The General Assembly,

Noting that quinoa is a natural food high in nutritional value,

Recognizing that Andean indigenous peoples, through their traditional knowledge and practices of living well, in harmony with nature, have maintained, controlled, protected and preserved quinoa in its natural state, including its many varieties and landraces, as food for present and future generations,

Affirming the need to focus world attention on the role that quinoa biodiversity plays, owing to the nutritional value of quinoa, in providing food security, food sovereignty and eradicating poverty in support of the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and the outcome document of the High-level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals,

1. *Decides* to declare 2012 the International Year of Quinoa;

2. *Encourages* Member States and the specialized agencies of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, to make preparations for and identify possible initiatives at the local and national levels that can contribute to the success of the International Year of Quinoa;

3. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to facilitate the implementation of the International Year of Quinoa, in collaboration with Governments, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Development Programme, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research centres and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system, as well as indigenous peoples' organizations and non-governmental organizations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session a report containing the state of preparations for the Year, taking into account the views and recommendations of Member States and of relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, as appropriate.

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